

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Matthew 2:13-23

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ **Day 1**

Read Matthew 2:13-23

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

13 Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,

“Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt,
and remain there until I tell you;
for Herod is going to search for the Child
to destroy Him.”

14 So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother
while it was still night,
and left for Egypt.

15 He remained there until the death of Herod.
This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
“OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.”

16 Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi,
he became very enraged,
and sent and slew all the male children
who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity,
from two years old and under,
according to the time which he had determined from the magi.

17 Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

18 A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH,
WEeping AND GREAT MOURNING,
RACHEL WEeping FOR HER CHILDREN;
AND SHE REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED,
BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE.”

19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said,

20 “Get up, take the Child and His mother,
and go into the land of Israel;
for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.”

21 So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

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22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea
in place of his father Herod,

he was afraid to go there.

Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee,

23 and came and lived in a city called Nazareth.

This was to fulfill what was spoken

through the prophets:

“He shall be called a Nazarene.”

1. Who are they of verse 13?
2. Who appeared to Joseph? How did they appear?
3. What was Joseph commanded to do in his dream?
4. On behalf of whom was the angel speaking?

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5. What is Joseph's response to God's command? How would you characterize his response?
6. Why might they have been commanded to travel all the way to Egypt?
7. How long did Joseph remain in Egypt?
8. What was the reason the Lord brought about this move?
9. The quotation of verse 15 is from Hosea 11:1. Read Hosea 11 in its entirety. Of whom is God speaking in this chapter?

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10. How can Matthew take a quotation speaking about the nation of Israel and argue that it is a prophecy regarding the Messiah? Aren't they speaking about different things?

❖ **DAY 2**

Read Matthew 2:13-23 again.

11. How did the magi trick Herod?
12. Who does Herod order to be killed?
13. Why did Herod kill such a specific group of children?

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14. What do Herod's actions here tell us about his motivation for wanting the magi to report to Him in verse 8?
15. How do his actions confirm the warning of God to the magi in verse 12?
16. What prophecy is fulfilled through Herod's actions here?
17. Where in Jeremiah does this quotation come from? How is that chapter traditionally understood?

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18. What are some of the theological implications of Herod's evil actions fulfilling OT prophecy and being a part of God's plan in bringing about the Messiah?

❖ **DAY 3**

Read Matthew 2:13-23 again.

19. When does the angel appear to Joseph a second time?
20. What is Joseph instructed to do?
21. Why does Joseph hesitate to cross into Judea and settle there?
22. How is Joseph's dream of verse 22 from all the other dreams he's had in this passage?

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23. Where did Joseph's family settle? What prophecy did this fulfill?

24. As you read the section throughout the week, what themes or repeated phrases appeared? What is significant about these themes and phrases?

25. Why do you think Matthew was so interested in telling his readers about all the various prophecies that Jesus fulfilled?

This week, pray that the Lord would help us to recognize his sovereignty over all of the universe, which includes the events of our everyday lives. Thank the Lord for sending His Son and revealing to our hearts that Jesus is the fulfillment of all Messianic OT prophecy. Pray that we as a church body might better trust Him in the midst of evil and atrocity, knowing that He reigns in sovereign control over all the affairs of the universe.